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SQUIRREL GETS HOT START FOR NEW YEAR

On New Year's Day a loud explosion was heard in North Chatham. It seemed to come from the vicinity of the Presbyterian Church.

An investigation was launched by two reporters from the News & Gossip who discovered a crowd that had gathered in front of the John Evans home. The people were all standing around talking to each other. Now and then they would look over at the carcass of a gray squirrel lying nearby.

It turned out that the squirrel had been walking across a power line when he took a short cut to a short circuit.

The squirrel was sizzled on the spot.

John Evans gave permission to the News & Gossip reporters to remove the squirrel's carcass. The reporters took the carcass to the home of their parents,

SANDERS RELEASES ROUTE

Catherine Sanders, 10, of Military Drive, announced in early January that she is resigning from her 75-paper newspaper route. For some time Miss Sanders had been complaining to friends that the route was becoming increasingly burdensome.

Immediately Matt Bloomer and Scott Emerson announced their intentions to take over the route. The parties indicated that Miss Sanders did not require payment for the franchise.

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Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hurt. Mr. Hurt wanted to have the squirrel for dinner, but Mrs. Hurt turned the carcass over to Red Rock, an Irish Setter who lives with the Hurts.

Red Rock seems to have become attached to the carcass and keeps it hidden down in the garden.

--RH & CH

EDITORIAL

The Gilmer News & Gossip is founded on the proposition that often the most important news --and certainly the best gossip--goes unprinted and thus unknown. The primary goals of this newspaper will be to spread unheralded news and gossip of significance.

The best observers in any society are children. Any good reporter will accept a child's eye-witness account of an event over the inevitably polluted versions of adults. The News & Gossip is the exclusive publication of the children on the masthead. Parental guidance and assistance will be provided on request--but not otherwise. The focus will be on events published nowhere else. The gossip will be as accurate as possible and under no circumstances malicious.

As the newspaper's first editor, Robert Hurt issued the following statement:

"The staff and I are dedicated to seeking out details of events you will read about nowhere else. We will strive to present the news and gossip of North Chatham impartially, without fear or favor."

So be it.

--HH.

The Nose

The Nose knows Dr. Hallam Ivey of Charlottesville recently paid an unexpected visit to Chatham with her dog Erin. Dr. Ivey left Erin with Jack Hunt's dog Barney for two hours. Dr. Ivey was evasive when asked why Erin was visiting Barney. Does The Nose sniff pups?

The Nose twitches over who rolled the reverend's rhinocerus with toilet paper--and why?

The Nose is relieved that repairs have finally been completed on Mrs. Frances Meyer's roof. The Nose had caught wind of rumors that Mrs. Meyer was going to use the scaffolding for a hanging if the work was not completed soon. The Nose wonders who Mrs. Meyer was considering hanging.

The Nose knows that cats come back, but it was absolutely blown to hear that Sadie, the McCunes' whining gray cat, had returned. An alarm had gone up and boys had been dispatched for a search. Then Sadie returned with no explanation. What was she up to? The Nose twitches.

Quote of the Issue

Comment overheard during a conversation between two 8-year-old boys at Woodlawn: "If you don't shut up I'm gonna knock them freckles off your face!"

--CH

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